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SUBJECT: HAWK FINANCING - TALK WITH RIFAI

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1. I WAS ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH RIFAI FOR A FEW MINUTES FEB 10. (HE HAS BEEN HEAVILY TIED UP WITH THE FORMATION OF HIS NEW GOVERNMENT AND THE RUTUAL CALLS FROM FAR AND NEAR WHICH HE MUST RECEIVE).
2. I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SAUDIS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING. WE HAD INDICATED TO THEM THAT WE WOULD BE AVAILABLE SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE.
3. I WENT ON TO POINT OUT TO HIM THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE ON WHICH FOR A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT REASONS JORDAN STILL HAD TO MAKE THE RUNNING. NOT THE LEAST OF THESE REASONS WAS THE FACT THAT WE DID NOT WANT TO GET IN THE MIDDLE, PARTICULARLY IF SAUDIS MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT THEY WERE BEING PRESSURED BY US AND THEN REACT NEGITIVELY. HE AGREED FULLY AND SAID THAT JORDAN HAD BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE THE FRONT RUNNING ON THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED THAT WHEN THEY HAD ASKED US FOR HELP IT HAD BEEN

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AFTER THEY HAD DONE ALL THAT THEY COULD AND THOUGHT A

LITTLE PUSH FROM THE US WOULD HELP. I REPEATED THAT WE CONTINUED TO LOOK TO THEM TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE SAUDIS AND THAT WE WOULD BE, AS I HAD INDICATED, READY TO TRY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH THE SAUDIS MIGHT HAVE.

4. RPYAI THEN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS TIME FOR THE KING TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP SOUTH. HE COULD ALSO TALK ABOUT MOROCCO. THEY WOULD DECIDE FINALLY ON THE TRIP AFTER THEY TALKED WITH SAUDI AMBASSADOR WHO WAS STILL AWAY, BUT WOULD BE BACK IN A DAY OR TWO, HOPEFULLY WITH SOME MORE PRECISE NEWS. RIFAI TOLD ME HE FEELS THE PROBLEM IN SAUDI ARABIA IS PRIMARILY BUREAUCRATIC. I WILL SEE RIFAI FOR A LONGER TALK IN A FEW DAYS.

5. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT: KING TOLD ME FEBRUARY 8 IN TELEPHONE CALL THAT MOROCCANS THEMSELVES HAD ALREADY APPROACHED SAUDI ARABIA FOR ASSISTANCE. THE SAUDI ANSWER, HE SAID LAUGHING, HAD BEEN TO "CHECK WITH KING HUSSEIN IN AMMAN".

6. COMMENT: WE ARE PLEASED BY DECISION OF DEPARTMENT TO CHECK WITH SAUDIS IN WASHINGTON AND NOT SURPRISED THEY ARE UNIFORMED.
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